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14. ABSTRACT The purpose of this research is to investigate whether eating brown seaweed (<i>Undaria pinnatifida</i>) can influence breast cancer risk. Brown seaweeds are popular in Japan, where the incidence of breast cancer is about 1/6 the rate of that reported for American women. In several animal studies of diet and cancer, adding seaweed to the normal diet resulted in longer healthy lives. In particular, we will examine cell surface binding characteristics and protein expression associated with the consumption of dietary seaweeds by women without breast cancer, women with estrogen receptor negative breast cancer, and women with estrogen receptor positive breast cancer. Final approval by the Human Subjects Research Review Board (HSRRB) on 28 September 2005. Recruitment for our study is ongoing. Of the 15 subjects required, 14 have been enrolled and 4 have complete the study. The final subject has indicated interest, and will begin the protocol in the next week. The first paper on iodine content in commercially available seaweeds has been published, as has a review of the health effects and a manuscript has been submitted on the bioavailability of seaweed iodine in brown seaweeds.					
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INTRODUCTION

Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer among American women. Survival rates at 5 years average 87%, decreasing to 77% at 10 years, 63% at 15 years, and 52% at 20 years¹. Although current use of tamoxifen and letrozole may have a significant impact on long term survival in the future, an estimated 39,800 American women will die of breast cancer in 2003¹. There is an urgent need for new treatments for metastatic breast cancer and chemoprevention that can be used to prevent breast cancer recurrence.

Epidemiologic studies comparing breast cancer rates among Japanese women in Japan and American women in the US are supportive that dietary factors could be critical to understanding breast cancer rates. *In vitro* work using seaweed extracts have shown high antitumor activity. *In vivo* work using rats and mice have demonstrated that seaweed, both as part of a regular diet, as an extract in drinking water, and as extracts which were injected into tumor bearing rats, have all confirmed that something in seaweed inhibits cancer formation and can cause tumor remission/tumor rejection in tumor bearing animals.

Although little is known about relative breast cancer risk and seaweed intake among humans, a small body of research, both *in vivo* and *in vitro*, suggests seaweed may be useful in breast cancer prevention. Seaweeds are specifically used to treat tumors in Traditional Chinese Medicine and Japanese folk medicine. On a population level, those people for whom seaweed is a regular part of their diet, most notably in Japan, have dramatically lower rates of hormone sensitive cancers, both of the breast and prostate²⁻⁴. Epidemiologic studies done in Japan in the 1980s, before Westernized diets were common, reported that Japanese women had 1/3 the rate of premenopausal breast cancer and 1/9 the rate of postmenopausal breast cancer⁵. In addition, when a Japanese woman developed breast cancer, she was more likely to survive at least five years than a woman diagnosed with breast cancer in the United States⁶.

No clinical studies of breast cancer and seaweed have yet been done, however, in a large prospective dietary study 21,852 Japanese nurses in Japan, investigators reported after 9 years of follow-up, that high intake of miso (fermented soybean paste) soup was the food most closely associated with the lowest breast cancer risk⁷. This is particularly interesting since an *in vivo* study compared dietary seaweed water extract to powdered seaweed and to injected seaweed extract, and reported that dietary seaweed water extract was the most effective against induced tumors⁸. Since miso soup is made from a concentrated hot water extract of seaweed plus a tablespoon or less of miso (soybean paste) and usually a few vegetables, it is very suggestive that seaweed and seaweed soup consumption may help explain the lower breast cancer rates of women in Japan. Women who had three or more bowls of miso soup each day had about half the rate of breast cancer (RR 0.51; 95% Confidence Interval 0.32 to 0.83). In two other epidemiologic studies of diet and breast cancer in Japan, 15% lower rates of breast cancer were associated with daily miso soup consumption,⁹ and 13% lower rates for women who drank miso soup at least five times /week¹⁰.

Seaweed are also rich sources of iodine¹¹. Iodine deficiency may be a risk factor for breast cancer¹²⁻¹⁴. Additionally, some physicians have reported therapeutic success using oral elemental iodine solution for breast fibrocystic disease^{15, 16}. Iodine is critical for the health of newborn infants, and during lactation iodine is concentrated in breast milk and is found in rapidly dividing breast cells. When rapidly dividing breast cancer cells are present in the breast, iodine may also play a role, although the exact mechanism is unclear. Breast cancer cells have lower iodine content than nearby healthy breast cells¹², and the work of Funahashi and colleagues report protection from dimethylbenzanthracene (DMBA)-induced mammary tumors when iodine was given to the rats in their diet. As a possible mechanism, they reported a high correlation between serum iodine and apoptosis of mammary cancer cells¹⁷⁻¹⁹. These results, along with those we²⁰ and others²¹⁻²³ have reported for dietary seaweed as inhibitory of DMBA-induced mammary tumors are consistent with the idea that seaweed, possibly via iodine, could be involved in breast cancer prevention.

We were interested in providing a similar amount of seaweed to that eaten in Japan. On average, seaweed intake in Japan is estimated between 7 and 10 g/d dry weight¹¹. The bioavailability of the seaweed iodine to humans has been reported²⁴⁻²⁶, and we have therefore chosen a low-iodine seaweed for this study. On average, *Undaria pinnatifida* contains 50μ iodine/g. 5 grams of *Undaria* will provide an additional 250μ iodine/d, well under the 1,000 μ iodine/d that is considered the maximum tolerated dose of iodine/d.

BODY

This research project was begun in 1999, at the University of Massachusetts. However, only the initial work on seaweed toxicity was completed before the PI moved to the University of South Carolina. This coincided with the necessity of obtaining Army IRB approval, and although numerous renditions of the grant have now been made, and tentative Army IRB approval was given in August 2003, the study was not officially approved, and further changes have been made to the study design. The Memorandum for Record has been completed, and we are in the process of subject recruitment. We have enrolled 14 of the 15 required subjects, and have a tentative agreement with the possible 15th subject for her participation.

Based on the findings of significant changes in cell surface binding characteristics associated with dietary seaweed, we are conducting flow cytometry to analyse changes. These cell surface binding sites are particularly important in breast cancer metastases, CXCR4 and CCR5²⁷, and changes in CD36 binding to CD11+ monocytes are associated with angiogenesis²⁸. CXCR4 appears to act as a homing signal for metastatic breast cancer cells, binding exclusively to stromal derived factor-1, a cytokine found most abundantly in the liver, lung, and bone, all preferred sites for breast cancer metastases. The role of CCR5 is less well understood in breast cancer metastasis, but is also considered crucial in breast cancer²⁹. We will use standard flow cytometry to identify the relative binding site densities and in-depth proteonomics to indicate which proteins are involved in both binding site activation and responses to dietary seaweed. Based on concurrent work on breast cancer and CXCR4 and CCR5 changes on CD4 and CD8 cells associated with dietary seaweed as measured by flow cytometry, we will focus on serum T lymphocytes. CD36 is a marker of monocyte, and alterations in this binding site are associated with decreased angiogenesis²⁸.

Profiling of serum proteins using surface enhanced laser desorption/ionization time of flight (SLEDI-TOF) mass spectrometry has become increasingly specific and can now identify with high sensitivity and specificity cancer types, including breast cancer based on the specific signature of proteomic serum biomarkers. Recent studies (reviewed by Laronga³⁰) have shown that using SLEDI-TOF can differentiate between BrCa1 carriers and healthy controls (13/15 women with BrCa1 compared to one of the 15 non-carriers), 14/16 patients with breast cancer even 6-9 months following treatment for breast cancer, compared to healthy controls, and sentinel lymph node positive (22/27) patients from sentinel lymph node negative (55/71) patients. SELDI ProteinChip® technology is the primary proteomic platform technology for the NCI Early Detection Research Network (EDRN) study of early detection serum biomarkers of prostate cancer (e.g., review by Grizzle et al.³¹; other prostate diseases (e.g., review by Fung³², Semmes³³), ovarian cancer³⁴ and. In addition, SELDI ProteinChip® technology has been used to identify changes in serum protein expression with the addition of novel foods, like green tea, to the diet³⁵.

The purpose of this research is to investigate whether consuming brown seaweed (*Undaria pinnatifida*) can change lymphocyte populations, surface binding sites on CD4 and CD8 cells, and alter serum protein expressions. Specifically we will study CXCR4 and CCR5 cytokine receptor sites, both known to be important in determining location of

breast cancer metastases. To minimize the variation with menstrual cycle phase, and to concentrate on the age group with the highest risk of breast cancer, we will focus on postmenopausal women. Based on our *in vitro* studies showing that seaweed extract has a dose dependent inhibitory effect on estrogen receptor negative (ER-), but no effect on estrogen receptor positive (ER+) breast cancer cells, we anticipate that estrogen receptor status will be an important variable in our study. Our blinded, crossover study design will serve to address the issues of any carry-over effect of seaweed after cessation of seaweed intake.

In a second study done at the University of Massachusetts on the bioavailability of seaweed iodine has now been submitted to the *Journal of Medicinal Food*. Our conclusions were that although 5 grams/day of seaweed, the average daily consumption in Japan, was associated with a statistically significant increase in thyroid stimulating hormone, the increase was small and not biologically important. All clinical values remained within normal limits. This means that our next intervention will be done with a clinically proven safe level of iodine-containing seaweed. A copy of this manuscript is included in the appendix.

A poster presentation of the first results of dietary seaweed on estrogen metabolism and catabolism was presented at the American Association for Cancer Research in April, 2006. A copy of this presentation is included in the appendix.

KEY RESEARCH ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Final approval by the Human Subjects Research Review Board (HSRRB) on 28 September 2005. Recruitment for our study is ongoing. Of the 15 subjects required, 14 have been enrolled and 4 have completed the study. The final subject has indicated interest, and will begin the protocol in the next week.

REPORTABLE OUTCOMES:

Manuscripts:

Jane Teas, Lewis E. Braverman, Mindy S Kurzer, Sam Pino, Thomas G. Hurley, James R. Hebert. Seaweed and Soy: Companion Foods in Asian Cuisine and Their Effects on Thyroid Function in American Women. *Thyroid* 14(10):836-841. 2004

Jane Teas. Dietary Brown Seaweeds and Human Health Effects. In: World Seaweed Resources (CD). Ed: Critchley, Alan T , Masao Ohno and Danilo Largo. Publisher Expert Centre for Taxonomic Identification, Univ. Amsterdam. 2006.

Poster presentations

Teas J, Kurzer M, Hurley T, Sepkovic D, Longcope C, Hebert J. Seaweed, soy, and estrogen metabolism in healthy postmenopausal American women. **American Association for Cancer Research** Annual Meeting, Washington DC, April 1-4, 2006.

Jane Teas, Sam Pino, Thomas G. Hurley, Alan Critchley, Lewis E. Braverman Effect of Seaweed Ingestion on Thyroid Function in Postmenopausal Women (P3-675). **Endocrinology Society** Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PN June 2003.

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Dietary Algae as a Modulator of Breast Cancer Metastases: An exploratory Grant to Document Proof of Principle (**Principal Investigator: Jane Teas**). Cancer Prevention and Cancer Control (Department of Defense Award to encourage collaboration between the Medical University of South Carolina and the University of South Carolina). Awarded December 2003.

Dietary Algae and Breast Cancer. University of South Carolina preliminary grant to be used in application for NIH funding of a Cancer Complementary and Alternative Medicine Center. (**Principal Investigator: Jane Teas**). Awarded May 2004.

Funding applied for:

Changes associated with dietary algae in poor-prognosis breast cancer patients. Project within the University of South Carolina SPORE submission. **P.I.: Jane Teas, Ph.D.**

Cinical intervention for metabolic syndrome. Project within the University of South Carolina EX02 submission. **PI: Jane Teas**

CONCLUSIONS

Beyond the great variability of iodine in brown seaweed and its bioavailability to humans, we can not make any conclusions until we have data. However, the women in our ongoing study report improved wellbeing, and we anxiously await the results of the clinical data at the conclusion of our study.

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APPENDICES

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Seaweed, soy, and estrogen metabolism in healthy postmenopausal American women

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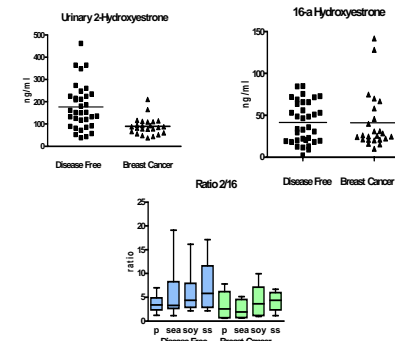
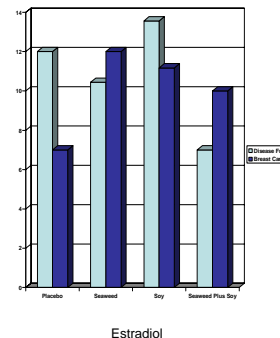
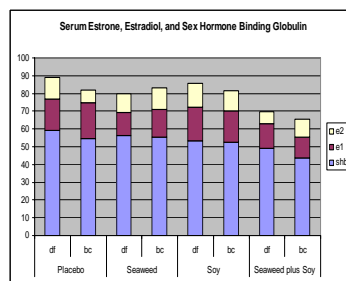
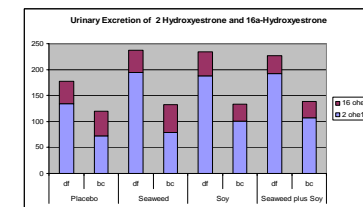
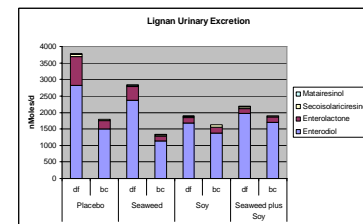
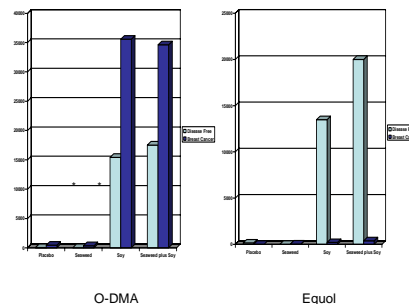
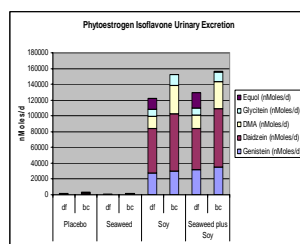
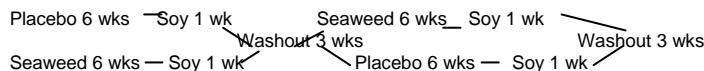
Introduction: Seaweed and soy foods are common in Japan and Korea where the incidence and mortality of breast cancer are significantly lower than in the US. Most attention has focused on soy foods and their phytoestrogen content. Seaweeds are known to have an antibiotic effect in vitro and in vivo studies support the idea that dietary seaweed modifies gastrointestinal bacteria populations. We investigated the possibility that dietary seaweed could act as a probiotic when consumed with soy, and enhance the gastrointestinal metabolism of phytoestrogens, especially the increasing the production of equol. Equol production is associated with decreased breast cancer risk.

Study Design: Women were randomized to either seaweed or placebo for six weeks, followed by a week when soy supplementation (2 mg isoflavones/kg body weight) was added. A 3-week washout period separated the two arms of the study, after which women were crossed over to the alternate intervention arm. Blood samples for estradiol, estrone, and sex hormone binding globulin were obtained at each clinic visit, and 48-hour urine specimens were provided at each of the time points for phytoestrogen and estrogen metabolite determination.

Methods: In a double-blinded placebo-controlled clinical trial, 15 healthy postmenopausal women (average age = 58 years) were recruited to our 17 week study. Six of the women had been treated for early breast cancer but were disease free at the time of the study. None of the women had taken antibiotics in the preceding 3 months or during the study. All were non-smokers and drank alcohol once or fewer times per week.

Results: Serum levels of estradiol were lower for women who had never had breast cancer ($p=0.04$). SHBG levels significantly decreased for both groups of women during the seaweed plus soy supplementation period. No urinary phytoestrogen excretion was reported during the placebo or seaweed interventions, but urinary phytoestrogens were detected during both the soy and seaweed plus soy intervention periods. O-DMA and equol production was significantly different among women who had had breast cancer ($p=0.03$; $p=0.02$). Equol production was only seen in women who had never been treated for breast cancer. Urinary lignan excretion was higher among disease free women ($p=0.06$);

Randomized Blinded Crossover



Conclusions:

The presence of seaweed in the Asian diet may act as a probiotic, enhancing intestinal conversion of equol and O-DMA. Since seaweed and soy are often eaten together, some of the benefits of soy may accrue from the combination.

The differences between women who have never had breast cancer and those who have had breast cancer suggest that there may be persistent baseline differences due to disease status.

		Breast Cancer n=6	Disease free n=9
Age	(yr ± SD)	58.8 ± 7.9	59.6 ± 10.1
BMI	(± SD)	28.8 ± 3.1	25.1 ± 3.2

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Algae and AIDS

Purpose: To explore the possibility that dietary algae could prolong symptom-free survival and reduce HIV viral load for HIV positive patients.

Role: PI

Direct Costs \$2,700

University of South Carolina Office of Research 7/04-7/06
Part of the Center for Cancer Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CCCAM) at the University of South Carolina

Dietary algae in poor prognosis breast cancer

Purpose: To explore the consequences of dietary algae on cell-cell adhesion.

Role: PI

Direct Costs \$40,000

Department of Defense / Phase VI Medical University of South Carolina and University of South Carolina 2/04 – 1/06

Dietary Algae as a Modulator of Breast Cancer Metastases.

Purpose: To explore validate methods for detecting metastatic breast cancer cells in peripheral blood and to evaluate whether dietary seaweed has an effect on breast cancer cell numbers and CXCR4/SDF-1 binding

Role: PI

Direct Costs **\$81,084**

Department of Defense BC996167/DAMD-17-00-1-0659 **10/17/05**

Do the Effects of Exercise on Breast Cancer Prevention Vary with Environment?

Purpose: To investigate whether the effects of exercise vary with the specific environment (indoors versus outdoors).

Role: PI

Direct Costs **\$50,000**

Centers for Disease Control SIP6 U48/CCU409664 **2000-2004**

Complementary and Alternative Medicine with Curative Intent

Purpose: To investigate the use and efficacy of faith healing and macrobiotics as complementary and alternative medicine as it is currently being used in the Columbia, South Carolina area.

Role: PI

Direct Costs **\$383,841**

Department of Defense DAMD17-98-1-8207 **3/31/98 - 5/31/2006**

Dietary Seaweed and Soy and Early Breast Cancer: A Randomized Trial

Purpose: The major goal of this study is to compare the effects of dietary seaweed and soy to placebo. We are collecting data on biomarkers of breast cancer risk.

Role: PI

Direct Costs **\$250,000**

The South Carolina Cancer Center **July 1, 2000 - June 30, 2001**

Ratio of Two Urinary Estrogen Metabolites and Risk of Prostate Cancer

Purpose: To determine if estrogen metabolism is correlated with PSA levels and prostate cancer in men.

Role: PI

Direct Costs **\$14,858**

Palmetto Health Foundation **October 2000 - September 2003**

Pilot Study of HBO Treatment to Reduce Breast Cancer Treatment Related Lymphedema

Purpose: To evaluate the effectiveness of hyperbaric oxygen therapy on breast cancer treatment related lymphedema.

Role: PI

Direct Costs **\$10,000**

Susan G. Komen Foundation 1998-2000

Brown Seaweed as a Breast Cancer Preventive

Purpose: Evaluate the health effects of chronic seaweed ingestion in healthy postmenopausal women.

Role: PI

Direct Costs \$250,000

Earthwatch

1984

Rhesus Maternal Care and Demography. Kathmandu, Nepal

Purpose: Collect primate behavioral data.

Role: PI

Transportation and Cost of Living Support

Wallace Genetic Foundation

1982

Seaweed and Breast Cancer

Purpose: Pilot study to explore the effects of dietary seaweed in a rat Dimethylbenzanthracene (DMBA) mammary carcinogen model

Role: PI

Direct Costs \$10,000

Earthwatch

1978

Male Behavior of Rhesus Kathmandu, Nepal

Purpose: Collect primate behavioral data on non-troop males and their social behavior.

Role: PI

Earthwatch

1977

Rhesus Troop Home Range Behavior

Purpose: Collect information on the home range behavior of two troops of monkeys living in temples in Kathmandu, Nepal.

Role: PI

Transportation and Cost of Living Support

National Geographic Society

1974-1978

Temple Monkeys of Kathmandu Nepal

Purpose: Collect information on monkeys living in two temples in Kathmandu Nepal

Role: Project Leader

Peer Reviewed Publications

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Clinical and Experimental Pharmacology and Physiology
Chemico-Biological Interactions (4)
International Journal for Vitamin and Nutrition Research

Doctoral Committee(2005-2006)

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Review Committees

1996-1999 University of Massachusetts IRB
1998 University of Massachusetts Internal Grant Review
2004 University of South Carolina Research Centers of Economic Excellence Review

Conferences Organized

Epidemics: Past, Present, and Future. The Carolinas Medical Humanities Group. Spring Meeting (Local arrangements in Columbia): The University of South Carolina, Columbia. Saturday March 29, 2003.

Other Activities

Expert testimony given to FTC in support of SeaVegg
South Carolina Science Fair Judge 2000-present

Breast cancer telephone support group invited guest speaker
Winterim supervisor for Heathwood Hall sophomore (March 6-10, 2006)

Government Testimony

Expert testimony to the United States Food and Drug Administration on behalf of SeaVegg. May, 2005.

Comments to the United States Food and Drug Administration on merits of Fucus weight loss patches. December, 2004.

Comments in support of the Macrobiotics Best Case Series made to the Cancer Advisory Panel for Complementary Medicine (CAPCAM) February 25, 2002. Democracy Plaza, Bethesda, Maryland.

<http://nccam.nih.gov/about/advisory/capcam/minutes/2002feb.htm#6>

Patent Application

University of South Carolina Patent Office
USCRF No. 380.01b-PPA (**Teas**)
Algae and AIDS (PPA)
Provisional Patent Application
May 4, 2005

Work Experience

Invited lectures
Claflin College/USC noon lunch series
HIV and Algae

HPEB Class
Complementary and Alternative Medicine
November 30, 2005

Complementary and Alternative Medicine Studies

Copy-edited 2,780 pages of transcripts that were then given to the Smithsonian Museum of American History permanent research collection December 28, 2004

Earthwatch and National Geographic

Designed and directed various primate research projects, trained 60 volunteers in behavioral methodologies, coordinated the on-site data collection and analysis in Kathmandu, Nepal, worked with primatology colleagues, analyzed data, interpreted data, wrote papers

President

Tobin Hill, Inc

1987-1991

Co-created a company to produce and sell seaweed-based moisturizer. Co-designed product, identified chemist and seaweed ingredients, co-designed label, wrote bylaws, filed incorporation paperwork, co-wrote advertising, co-designed business plan, co-designed packaging, identified packaging company, did order fulfillment, oversaw mail order advertising, kept accounts, and filed taxes and filed un-incorporation paperwork.

President	Human Ecology Associates Dorchester, MA	1986-1987
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Organized and moderated one-day workshops for New England Interstate Water Pollution control commission on Pesticides and Drinking Water. Edited newsletter on “Potatoes, Pesticides, and Problems” workshop, wrote newsletter on “Lawncare”; Organized and provided logistical support for two day workshop on Contaminated fish and Shellfish; wrote final summary of workshop for EPA Region I.

Organized and conducted field research on possible animal vectors of AIDS. Identified hogs living in the Belle Glade, Florida AIDS epicenter, coordinated collection of hog blood and delivery of the blood to Pirbright Labs in England. Collected ticks from houses and nearby areas to the Belle Glade epicenter. Arranged for the ticks to be tested for AIDS transmission.

Consultant	UNICEF Kampala, Uganda	1987
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Designed and wrote a grant to the World Health Organization for \$20,000,000 for the UNICEF AIDS public health program in Uganda.

Toxics Coordinator	New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission And Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management Boston, MA	1985-1986
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Coordinated interstate workgroups on aquatic toxicity, pesticides, drinking water, and health, and air toxics for the six New England states, New York, and New Jersey. Edited regional air toxics risk assessments for tetrachloroethylene and trichloroethylene.

Medical Writer	“New York Native”	1984-1991
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Summarized information on AIDS for a general audience. The “New York Native” was a gay newspaper in New York City. My particular focus was on African Swine Fever Virus and AIDS.

Consultant

John Snow Inc
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1981, 1982
and 1983

Provided an annotated bibliography of available research relating to traditional medical practices and health attitudes of people in Nepal, and the status of women in Nepal; designed two goiter intervention programs for a health project in Nepal.

Collaborator

Legal Medicine
Harvard School of Public Health
665 Huntington Ave
Boston, MA 02115

1982

Interviewed doctors, nurses, data managers, and hospital administrators about perceived problems with informed consent procedures for cancer patients.